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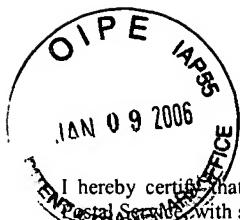
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept the following as the applicant's statement as to the substance of an interview conducted regarding the above-identified patent application.

- (A) Application number: 10/726,771
- (B) Name of applicant: Arjan Durresi et al.

(C) Name of Examiner: Tu T Nguyen

(D) Date of Interview: 11 November 2005

(E) Type of interview (personal, telephonic, electronic mail, or video conference): Telephonic

(F) Name of participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Alan C. Brandt, Reg. No. 50,218
- (2) Examiner Tu T Nguyen

(G) Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes

If yes, brief description: Proposed Response After Final Rejection (Amendment B)

(H) Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1, 14, and 19.

(I) Identification of references discussed: U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,767,956 (Yoshida) and 6,734,955 (Wight).

(J) Agreement reached with respect to the claims: No

(K) Summary of interview, including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

With regard to defining the symbol “ $\tau$ ,” the Examiner agreed that referencing where “ $\tau$ ” was defined in the originally-filed specification would overcome the objection. An amendment to limit claim 14 to “optical correlation” was proposed. The Examiner agreed that, if submitted, this amendment would be entered. With regard to rejection of claims 1, 14, and 19, the Examiner agreed that Yoshida did not disclose “optical correlation” and that Wight did not appear to either. However, the Examiner stated that he would have to review Wight again to determine if it disclosed “optical correlation.”

Respectfully submitted,

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